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PRESIDENT Cleveland was not so explicit about Cuba as he might have been. Some well-informed people think the message favorable to the island and others declare that it offers the Cubans no hope.

THE Heinz pickling company who operates a successful factory in this city, is making arrangements to start a similar factory at Holland. One of the most commendable features of this firm is that it locates factories for business and not for bonuses.

SOME of the leading Cuban patriots are disgusted with that part of President Cleveland's message which demands of Spain autonomy or home rule for Cuba. The Cubans say that autonomy will not satisfy now and that it is merely a question of independence or extermination.

THE citizens of Kalamazoo who are kicking their toes through their shoes because Mayor Monroe has made an order that the snow plow shall not be used this winter, are not very patriotic. There promises to be more suffering from poverty in Kalamazoo this winter than was ever before known and the order of the mayor to make work for snow shovelers is surely one to commend itself to right thinking people.

THE New York Sun thinks that President Cleveland did not write the Cuban part of his message. Dr. Dana says there is no doubt of the authorship of the closing words: "When our differences are forgotten and our political contests of political opinion are no longer remembered, nothing in the retrospect of our public service will be as fortunate and comforting as the recollection of official duty well performed and the memory of a constant devotion to the interest of our confiding fellow countrymen." His confiding fellow countryman, says Dr. Dana, will not doubt that the final paragraph at least is Mr. Cleveland's own. Only two men who ever lived could have written it, and Mr. Peckaniff is dead.

THE president's reference to the life saving service is of special interest to this locality, as part of the good work done is credited to the St. Joseph crew. For fear that some may have overlooked this part of the message it is reprinted: "From the life-saving service it is reported that the number of disasters to documented vessels within the limits of its operations during the year was 437. These vessels had on board 4,608 persons, of whom 4,595 were saved and thirteen lost. The value of such vessels is estimated at \$2,880,140 and of their cargoes \$3,846,380, making the total value of property imperiled \$12,726,520. Of this amount \$11,292,707 was saved and \$1,433,750 was lost. Sixty-seven of the vessels were totally wrecked. There were besides 243 casualties to small undocumented craft, on board of which there were 664 persons, of whom 587 were saved and seven were lost."

**BRIGHT MICHIGAN EDITORS.**  
Kalamazoo Telegraph: Congressman Thomas is having a boom for pension commissioner. He would make a good one.

Detroit News: Unless he is a little more careful, William Alden Smith may impair his standing as an independent neutral power.

Muskegon Chronicle: The Congregational church at Union City, Mich., advertises for a pastor, and winds up by saying he "must be one who is broad minded, who lives in the present and not in the past." Good idea to state just what is wanted, rather than select a pastor on a few ill chosen words and a bland manner. The pulpit needs broad-gauge men, abreast of the age, not narrow-gauge nobodies groping among dusty dead and gone fanaticalisms and prejudices.

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When you think that you have seen the last of the snow, it comes again along the ice the morning glories of morning away. There will have to be some snow. To meadows of perennial May. Where never vernal the vernal green. Nor feet the vernal daisies away.

If ever I think of the snow, I'll only be in winter wear. When leaves lie torn and flowers have fled. But when snow the sun has shone in welcome to the world of spring. Still by my side there's winter on. As though they ne'er had taken wing.

Still beneath day's dawning beams Greet each new flower that May unfurls. Still mix thy murmur with the stream's. And blend thy music with the merle's. Then, as in vernal dreams. The sun's tired rays redden slant. See, as of old, the wood where teams The nightingale's awaking chant.

**AMERICANS AS MUSICIANS.**  
Mrs. Calve Says They Have the Characteristics of the Conquering Race.  
Mrs. Emma Calve contributes a paper on the "Conquering Race in Music" to the Ladies' Home Journal, in which she specially addresses students of vocal music. She tells of the training required for the operatic and the concert stage, the impersonation of character, the value of suggestions, etc., and pays this tribute to Americans: "The Americans have, it seems to me, in the field of music, and especially in the field of vocal music, all of the characteristics of the conquering race. They are possessed naturally of the most exquisite voices, which, when properly cultivated and trained, are almost unrivaled. They have indomitable energy, perseverance and pluck. They stop at nothing and are deterred by no trouble and prevented by no obstacle."

"Poverty, weariness, exertion, hard work, and all these things which the average worker has to endure for them. Their physique and their temperament seem made for toil and to surmount discouragement, and the success which they are daily achieving, in the field of both operatic and concert singing, is testimony to their natural fitness for accomplishment and to their ability to excel. They seem, in fact, to be most lavishly fitted by nature for the parts they are assuming. To these gifts of voice, energy, pluck and perseverance they frequently add a beauty of face and grace of form and movement which the public recognizes as most important factors in the success of the singer's career. They have, too, the temperament which makes great artists and great actresses, the artistic feeling which has for its standard perfection and which is satisfied with nothing less."

**His First Story.**  
A certain author, now well known to fame and fortune, once in the "battle for bread" wrote a wild Indian story for a northern story paper. That was 19 years ago, and to the story he gave his real name. He received a fat check for it, but year after year went by and the story never appeared. It finally passed from his remembrance, until the other day, when he received a letter from the publishers informing him that it would shortly put in an appearance in serial form. That made the author nervous, and he forthwith sent the following telegram: "Suppress story and return manuscript and will pay three times amount of original check."

**A Mysterious Genius.**  
Robert Chambers told me he was once talking with a man of real, rugged genius, who came to a sorrowful end. He said to the genius: "The population of this world is about 1,200,000,000 human beings. The little religious body to which you belong contains perhaps 800,000. Of that number not 300 could give an intelligent account of its creed. Yet you think its creed sets out vital matters. Is it consistent with your belief that God Almighty would permit just 300 of his creatures to know those things and keep all the millions ignorant of them?" The genius considered for a minute's space, then replied, "Yes, I think it quite right that God should do that." Whereupon the good Robert Chambers said very resolutely, "Then I'm tremendously sorry for you."

**Representative.**  
"I haven't anything new to sing to you tonight, George."  
"Well, give me something old then."  
She broke into a refrain that was "a song of the day" 17 years before.  
"That's very, very old, Clara," he remarked at the close.

"Yes, George, I sang that to you the night we became engaged."—Boston Globe.

In the fifteenth century the beer gallon measure of England was a fourth larger than the wine gallon, to allow for the froth. The present legal yard was instituted in England in 1758.

The largest egg is that of the ostrich. It weighs 3 pounds and is considered equal in amount to 24 hens' eggs.

**Can't Hear or See?**  
To be deaf is to be unable to hear, and to be dumb is to be unable to talk. The lack of hearing is remedied by teaching the child to use his eyes and understand either signs or the motions of the lips, and the lack of speech is remedied by teaching the child to use his vocal organs or his hands to make others understand, and behold, the task is accomplished, and he is "just like other folk!" Not one thought is given to language, to the wonderful medium of exchange by means of which the business of life is carried on, that is supposed to come by nature, or instinct, or miracle, but never by teaching.

A cultured lady, a literary woman, said to me once, after seeing some deaf children and hearing them go through certain vocal exercises which included every elementary sound in the English language: "Now, if these children can make all these sounds correctly, why don't they go right on and talk? What hinders them?" She was a bright woman, and when a very short explanation had been given her the reason flashed upon her, and she said: "Why, what a fool I am! I see! They've got something to say, and the mechanical ability to say it, but no language to say it in."

And in that one sentence she expressed the reason for being of all the institutions and schools for the deaf in the country. "No language to say it in," that expresses the condition of a deaf child's mind before he is taught very well, but perhaps "and no language to think it in" should be added. Let the reader try for himself and see how much consecutive thought he can accomplish without words, and if with his mind trained by years of intelligent thinking he can do little until the words come, let him imagine, if he can, the state of a mind out off from language.—Mabel E. Adams in Popular Science Monthly.

#### SLAUGHTER OF DEER.

Game Killed in Montana by Sportsmen Just For the Fun of the Thing.  
W. H. Wright tells in Recreation where much of Montana's game has gone. He says: "I have known two self called sportsmen to leave Spokane for two days, and on returning tell of having killed 63 deer, a story the ranchmen at whose house they put up corroborated. That was years ago. It would take a long hunt there now to kill 63 deer. I once knew a man to go and make a winter camp and kill over 100 deer, which he hung up. He tried to sell them where they hung, but failed. He went east somewhere, where he lived, and I've never heard of him since. He claimed to have killed 100, but I counted 150 carcasses in sight near his camp the following spring."

"While going from Palmer's lake, in Washington, to the Salmon river I passed through Toatsconlee and stopped overnight near a small lake on which was camped a party of hunters. It would have been easy to load a four horse wagon with the heads of deer alone that were piled up in one place. There were deer carcasses all about the camp."

"I could name more than 50 of such hunters who have killed thousands of deer and left them where they fell. Only last winter two men left Spokane and killed 83 deer in Idaho, not bringing out a pound of meat to show for it. "I have seen many Indian hunters, one of which resulted in the death of over 400 deer, but not one of the deer was wasted. The Indians hunt and then eat the meat before they hunt again. They kill to eat, but the whites kill for fun. Last spring one man in the Bitter Root valley killed seven elk without stirring from his track. Not one was saved."

**Tennyson and His Wife.**  
Tennyson was devoted to his wife, but, like a man of true taste, he wrote very little about his feeling for her. That beautiful dedication beginning, "Dear, near and true," is that bit of his writing which will be most often associated with her name. She was a shrewd critic of her husband's work. Tennyson has been accused of inability to fuse the different portions of a long poem, and the difference in style between "The Coming of Arthur" and "The Passing of Arthur" has been cited in illustration. Concerning this difference Lady Tennyson said to her son only two days before her death, "He said 'The Coming of Arthur' and 'The Passing of Arthur' are purposely simpler in style than the other idylls as dealing with the awfulness of birth and death," and she wished this statement of the poet to be put on record in her son's biography of his father.—New York Tribune.

**A Queer Coin.**  
Fully half of the grown up people of France believe the old story that Napoleon Bonaparte put a check for 100,000 francs in a silver 5 franc piece and that the coin is yet in circulation. They say that the people did not want the 5 franc piece, and that in order to create a demand for it Napoleon resorted to the device mentioned. The check or treasury order, it is said, was written upon asbestos paper and inclosed in the metal at the time the coin was made. Thousands of 5 franc pieces are annually broken open and have been so inspected since the story of the check was first circulated.—New York Journal.

**Spider Wort.**  
The Virginia spiderwort is apparently unable to endure a high temperature. During the day it is wilted and dejected. As the evening comes in it revives, all its leaves assume a lively appearance, and the plant appears to cheerily enjoy its life until the morning light again returns.

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### CHECKING THE WITNESS.

Story of a Careful Old Man to a Harvard Young Attorney.

The young lawyer was determined that if vigilance could accomplish anything the case should be decided in favor of his client, and so when the careful old man went upon the stand for the defense the attorney leaned forward, prepared to fight every inch of the way.

"Mr. Johnson, the plaintiff," said the careful old man, "said that if I testify but the honest would get Mr. Gimpson to relinquish his lease. He said he thought Mr. Gimpson would agree to go. I guess."

"Never mind what you guess. We don't want any hearsay or guessing. Your honor (to the court), I object to this witness' testimony. He is guessing at what he says. We want facts."

"Excuse me," said the old man. "I was about to say I guess at nothing and insisted on the understanding being established in my presence. So the two men got together, with me on hand, to listen to what they said. I understand."

"Objected to as incompetent. Your honor, we don't want to know what this man understands was done. We want what he knows was done. We want..."

"One moment," said the careful old man. "I was about to say that I understand ordinary conversation with some difficulty, and so that there might be no error I insisted that they repeat their propositions in loud tones, which they did until you could hear them in the middle of the town. I am informed."

"Your honor," cried the young attorney, "is our time to be taken up listening to hearsay evidence? He does not know. He was informed that such and such was so and so. What we must have is what he knows about the trade and whether or not he..."

"I am informed on real estate values, having been a real estate agent all my life," the old man said, "and I knew what the worth of that lease was to the holder of it. Knowing the facts, I would fix his damages at \$78.32. I believe..."

"Objected to as a conclusion and as incompetent. What any man believes is not necessarily good proof. I don't want to know what you believe, but what you know. We must insist on your telling what you know and not what you surmise or what you conjecture or what you think or what you imagine. A courtroom is not a place for exploiting what a man believes, but it is a place of fact. I think the court will support me in saying that we don't want to know what this man believes." And the young lawyer looked confidently at the justice.

"I was going to say," said the witness, "that I believe that is all."—Chicago Record.

### The Independent Stage Driver.

Eastern tourists who cannot differentiate between a California stage driver and an eastern coachman meet with many a rude shock in the wild and woolly west, and they soon learn that the Californian is a knight of the rosin several grades higher in the social scale than the menial of the east.

There is an old driver at Monterey who is determined that his patrons shall make no mistake concerning his exact status, and in a quiet way he checks all attempts to make a servant of him. A short time ago he was driving a party of tourists about, when one quizzical old lady who had annoyed him not a little by her air of superiority asked:

"My man, do you know the name of that wild flower?"

"Yep," he replied and flicked one of his leathers with his whip.

She paused a moment for him to give the name, but he merely chuckled to the wheelers.

"Driver, do you know the name of that flower?" she repeated in an imperious tone.

"Yep. Git up there, Bally!"

Again she waited and again demanded:

"Man, don't you know the name of that flower?"

"Yep. G'long there, Pete!"

"Then why don't you tell me?"

"Oh, you want to know, too, do you? That's a wild rose."—San Francisco Post.

### Mr. and Mrs. Pigeon.

"There is one very admirable trait about pigeons," said A. H. Mather of Cincinnati. "I have always had a penchant for birds, and since I was a small boy have owned a number of pigeons. When pigeons mate, they do so for life, and the average constancy among them is as great as among human beings. I have watched them carefully and never saw one of them desert its mate. I had a very handsome bachelor pigeon that was quite attentive to one that was mated. When the mate returned home, he found this pigeon hovering around the cote, and, taking in the situation at a glance, attacked the gay bird and nearly killed him. After that there was no attempt upon his part to break up the little home. They have no divorces among them, and altogether valuable lessons in domestic happiness can be learned from pigeons."—Washington Star.

### The Passion Flower.

The passion flower is intimately associated in popular legends with the crucifixion. Its three petals are supposed to typify the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while in its other parts the imaginative eye finds the cross, the nails, the spear, the crown of thorns, the halo and various other emblematic objects.

The first visit of pestilential fever to this country was in 1702. It was brought from the West Indies to New York by trading vessels.

Charles VI of France was hated by his people, and in derision was termed the Well Beloved.

A new moon falling between 6 and 8 a. m. in the summer season means rain.

### GRANT AND PORTER.

The Soldier's First Meeting With His Subsequent Chief.

While sitting in my quarters in the little town of Chattanooga about an hour after nightfall on the evening of Friday, Oct. 23, 1862, an orderly brought me a message from General George H. Thomas, commander of the Army of the Cumberland, on whose staff I was serving, summoning me to headquarters. A storm had been raging for two days, and a chilling rain was still falling. A few minutes' walk brought me to the plain wooden, one-story dwelling occupied by the commander, which was situated on Walnut street, near Fourth, and upon my arrival I found him in the front room on the left side of the hall, with three members of his staff and several strange officers.

In an armchair facing the fireplace was seated a general officer, slight in figure and of medium stature, whose face bore an expression of weariness. He was carefully dressed, and his uniform coat was unbuttoned and thrown back from his chest. He held a lighted cigar in his mouth and sat in a stooping posture, with his head bent slightly forward. His clothes were wet, and his trousers and topboots were spattered with mud. General Thomas approached this officer, and, turning to me and mentioning me by name, said, "I want to present you to General Grant."

The general officer, who was seated in the chair, without changing his position, glanced up, extended his arm to its full length, shook hands and said in a low voice and speaking slowly, "How do you do?" This was my first meeting with the man with whom I was destined afterward to spend so many of the most interesting years of my life.

The strange officers present were members of General Grant's staff. Charles A. Dana, assistant secretary of war, who had been for some time with the Army of the Cumberland, had also entered the room. The next morning he sent a dispatch to the war department, beginning with the words, "Grant arrived last night, wet, dirty and well."

"Campaigning With Grant," by General Horace Porter, in Century.

### Her Loss His Gain.

Dramatic personae, a small street gamin leaning idly against a tree. On the opposite side of the street a young woman carrying her pocketbook in her hand. Coming toward her the ubiquitous man who rescues damsels in distress. Just as these two met on the muddy crossing the young woman dropped her pocketbook in the mud. It fell open, and the usual assortment of trinkets, pennies, scissors, samples and dimes was scattered broadcast.

"Allow me," said the young man, and the owner of the pocketbook blushed becomingly and allowed him to go down on his knees in the mud to rescue her possessions. When he had picked up the rolling dimes and pennies and restored them with the other articles to the purse, he saw that she was still uneasy.

"Is anything missing?" he asked solicitously.

"No. That is, nothing but a penny." "Oh," and lifting his hat he walked on, not having received so much as a "thank you" for the service. But then she was very pretty.

There is a climax to this story. When the young woman had ceased looking for lost property, she went on her way, and the street gamin darted across the street from his post of observation, and in a moment he had found that lost penny under the stone where he saw it roll, and as he walked away with it hidden in his cheek butter wouldn't have melted in his mouth.—Detroit Free Press.

### Coal Mine Worked by One Man.

The smallest coal mine in the world is in the southern province of New Zealand, where, according to the reports of the inspectors of mines for the colony, the Murray Creek colliery is worked by one man, T. Bolitho, a Chinaman, who owns, manages and works this small but to him valuable coal mine. There is another small colliery in the same province worked by one man with the assistance of a donkey. The next smallest colliery is in England, in the village of Nelson, in Lancashire. It is situated near the Collier's Arms and affords employment for two miners, father and son, who combine in themselves the positions of proprietors, managers, miners and haulers of the undertaking. They have the assistance of a donkey, and all the output of the mine is sold to the householders who live in the village or its immediate vicinity.—Exchange.

### An Unexpected Greeting.

The gentle Elsie sat drearily in the gloaming in the front room. She was very miserable, for on the previous night she had had words with her own, and now she fears her haughty Harold will not call.

She hears a step, a ring, a voice she knows, and some one speaking to the servants in the hall.

She will not wait until a light is brought, but gently calls, "Come in." The visitor enters, and, with a sigh of awful volume the fair Elsie casts herself into his arms and softly murmurs: "Oh, my darling, I am so glad you have come. I have so wanted to make it up and settle."

And he of the embrace remarked: "Well, miss, it's a very nice of you, and I'm very glad, too, that you're going to settle up at last."

It was the gas collector.—Spare Moments.

### With Lightning Rapidity.

"Wonderful eyes that boy of mine's got," said the proud father.

"That so?" mechanically replied the man who was trying to get away.

"You never saw such a sense of proportion," cried the proud father. "Pass that boy the cake dish, and he'll spot the biggest piece on it every time."—Rockland (Me.) Tribune.

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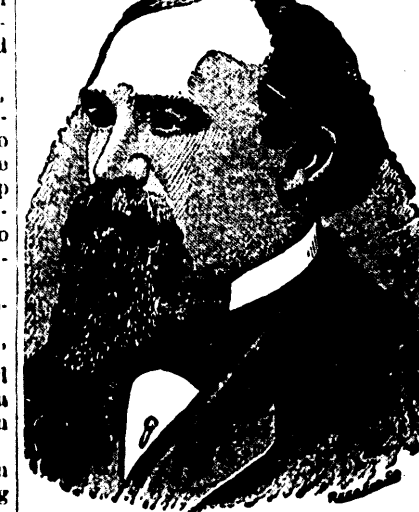
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The Affair Brings Together a Company of 125 Residents of the Two Cities.

The Twilight club entertained the ladies last night.

It was the last meeting of that guilded men's social organization for the year 1896 and it was generously decided to admit the ladies to the enjoyment of the festivities, both by representation on the program and by seats at the banquet table.

Thus it was that one-half of the 125 persons who assembled in the dining room of the Hotel Whitcomb last night were ladies, representing the intellectual and beauty of the femininity in the two cities. There were women who were allied with the progressive Ossoli and Nineteenth century clubs, two organizations which are not out-ranked by any woman's club in Michigan. It was a great feast. Men around whom has long lingered the reputation, until lately unsought for by women, of alone being able to appear in the capacity of after dinner talkers, stood side by side with clever women whose powers of speech were as great, whose sarcasm was more poignant and whose wit was keener than that of any man.

It was 8 o'clock when the long column of guests descended from the parlors of the hotel and was emptied in the banquet room. Three long rows of tables, extending the entire length of the spacious hall were provided and after Rev. George B. Simons had returned thanks and the guests were seated there was less than a half dozen unoccupied places.

The feasting lasted for nearly an hour. All the epicurean delicacies within the confines of a spacious hall were served. The banquet tables each contained beautiful bouquets of hyacinths, roses, carnations and chrysanthemums, and it was a happy occasion of merrymaking.

President Montgomery Shepard ended the jollity at 10 o'clock with the announcement that the occasion was the last meeting of the year 1896 and its members with one accord decided to give the ladies the opportunity to enjoy the club's hospitality. He introduced as toastmaster that peer of after dinner talkers, W. F. Sesser. Mr. Sesser exuded a delight at enjoying the honor of being one of a company so distinguished and intellectual and then presented Hon. J. J. Van Riper, assigned the toast, "The Foreign Policy of the United States."

Great is the Monroe Doctrine.

This subject, hard to cover in a short talk, was handled very intelligently. The two great foreign policies of the United States, policies which, if cherished, will ever preserve peace and prosperity, were the nonintervention of the United States in the affairs of other nations and the Monroe doctrine, the latter being a rule of public policy respected by every nation of the world. These policies had saved the United States from foreign domination, from the intrigues and wiles of foreign diplomacy. The prosperity, the commerce, the friendly relations with other nations were all products of these policies of conduct, or policies, established by the United States. The speaker was vigorously applauded during the progress and at the close of his address.

A Foreigner Absent.

"Our Foreign Relations from a Patriotic Standpoint," appeared on the program after the name of Rev. W. P. French. He was absent. Toastmaster Sesser voiced the sentiment of the entire company when he said that the subject suggested a field for oration. He had a desire to hear advanced an excuse for a nation remaining inactive when within a 20 hours' ride was a sister nation struggling for life. Mrs. Kate M. B. Wilson, a talented soloist, was then introduced. She was received with great enthusiasm and her audience indicated a repetition, but she very gracefully declined.

A High Compliment.

Toastmaster Sesser introduced Mrs. R. M. Jones, of this city, as the "bright, sparkling, talented sister of our neighborhood." Mrs. Jones responded to "Our Woman's Clubs." The speaker was inclined to consider Chauncey Depew in error in declaring the American woman could not make an after-dinner speech because she could not appreciate a joke. Mrs. Jones declared that the orator was entirely wrong in his diagnosis. The failure of woman in this line was caused from their inability to keep their hearts from choking up their throats. And there were audible smiles when the bright speaker added, "I feel those those symptoms just now." She gave an excellent address, without the use of notes, on the varied benefits derived from woman's clubs. The period of desperate study with woman's clubs had passed. The intellectual development from them was along more practical lines. Politics and religion were no longer eschewed. Clubs had brought to women great educational and inspirational comfort and the rapid increase in number of ladies' societies indicated the advance of woman's intelligence. They had also given intellectual impulse to men. Had Dr. Depew heard the

address he would never make himself foolish again by explaining why women can't speak. F. A. Hobbs, a delightful entertainer, rendered a solo which provoked liberal applause. He sang in both English and German.

Frank Welton's Fine Mit.

The toast, "The Ladies," was responded to by Frank Welton and that gentleman earned the reputation of being the brightest after-dinner speaker in either city. Jestingly he began and convulsed into almost unceasing laughter the guests. He told of the former hardships that women suffered, when the wives were the trembling slaves of men, and mournfully he called attention of the gentlemen to the fact that they were not privileged to live in those glorious times. Woman he said has progressed wonderfully until types of perfection had been reached in womanhood and as examples of this perfection he ridiculously aloft the names of Mary Ellen Lease and Dr. W. L. Walker. For man to live now, he asserted, it was worse than to be a millstone about his neck and jump into St. Joseph Valley sink hole No. 2.

While the faces of all were flushed with much laughter Mr. Welton turned to the real side of his subject, and spoke of the influence woman had upon the world. Tenderly he spoke of his aged grandmother who had been the greatest factor in his own life. She shared his perplexities and his troubles, she rejoiced with him in his hopes and his prospects and when she died the curtain of his life was rung down which separated him from the days of his youth. Did woman lack courage? No, she led armies. Did she lack executive ability? No, the splendor of the Queen of Sheba almost equaled that of Solomon, and the hundreds of wounded soldiers who were ministered to by a Florence Nightingale will testify that they were visited by the forms of angels.

Mr. Welton had control over the feelings of the club. The merriment at the beginning was changed to moist eyes at the close.

Miss George, whom the toastmaster avowed was the most talented violinist in Michigan, appeared with a selection upon the instrument which she has mastered to an artist's perfection. She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Graves, and received an ovation Rebuke to the gentlemen.

It was left to Mrs. Charles H. Moulton to close the program. Mrs. Moulton is a member of the Nineteenth century club, and in her response to the toast, "The Gentlemen," she evidenced a brilliant mind. Her remarks were satirical and abundant in trenchant and pointed remarks. She declared that woman enjoyed the race with man greatly handicapped, her efforts depending upon the resources of one rib. She was in fact a wise while her betrays, the snake, was made wiser than fair. She indicated that men disliked women who dabbled in politics and claimed her argument by declaring that the men were glad to let Susan B. Anthony. The poor men caught it right and left and the good old patriarch came in for a large share of denunciation. After every gentleman present had become very sorry that he hadn't been born a woman the speaker related. She declared that she had been married to the men of generations gone. It once took a man and four hundred and in Methuselah's case over nine hundred years to prepare a man for the elite society of the other world. Men had so progressed that now the feat could be accomplished except in extreme cases in three score years and ten. The club was kept in a convulsive state during the entire address for the speaker has a wondrous power in painting pictures of the ridiculous.

The New Officers.

Secretary Graves invited any of the guests presents to membership with the club after which the following officers were elected: President, F. A. Hobbs; secretary, W. J. Bradford; treasurer, Frank A. Welton.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. and Mrs. A. Vincent and their daughter, Maud, for the entertainment they provided.

MISS AMELIA MACK.

Benton Harbor Teacher Gets a Lancing Appointment.

LANSING, Dec. 10.—Superintendent of Public Instruction Hammond appointed the following office force, who will begin their duties January 1: Deputy, Daniel E. McClure, of Shelby, Oceana county; chief clerk, A. Hamlin Smith, Grand Rapids, Kent county; statistical clerk, Nora B. Sharpsteen, St. Louis, Gratiot county; Amelia Mack, Benton Harbor, Berrien county; Viola A. Mode, Midland, Midland county; proof reader and librarian, Cora D. Martin, Paw Paw, Van Buren county; stenographer, Sarah L. Gilliland, Lansing, Ingham county; messenger, Byron Berthick, Ransom, Hillsdale county.

Speaking of Miss Mack this afternoon, Superintendent Wilson said: "It was through the influence of the Hon. Roscoe Dix that Miss Mack got the appointment, which pays a salary of \$720 a year. She came here three years ago with Miss Marble three years ago and has been our teacher in English and German, and she is a very capable instructor. Her successor has not been appointed although favorable mention has been made of Miss Sarah Farmer, now teaching at Buchanan, for the position. Miss Farmer is a Benton Harbor girl. There will be a special meeting of the board of education this evening."

Marriage Licenses.

Carl Fellwock, 19, Sodus; Amelia Woodrick, 23, St. Joseph.

## AGITATION GROWING

The Plan to Make Berrien County a Judicial District in Favor

### JUDGE BUCK FAVORS IT

He Also Thinks That Kalamazoo County Should Comprise a Judicial District.

The agitation started recently in THE EVENING NEWS for the purpose of making Berrien county a judicial district by itself is spreading.

The Kalamazoo News has taken up the matter, and suggests that Van Buren county be detached from Kalamazoo, and Cass and Van Buren form a new district. Speaking of the subject the Kalamazoo paper said in its issue last night: With the proper action a bill to provide for the rearranging of the districts as outlined above, could be easily drafted and presented to the legislature at its next session, and which is believed with the matter properly presented would stand a good show of becoming a law. With the making of a new district out of Cass and Van Buren counties the state would be to the expense of another judge, but that would be small compared to the saving that would follow to the people of the counties interested. It is believed that it would be to the best interests of Berrien, Cass, Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties, not only financially but otherwise, to have the proposed rearrangement made.

What Judge Buck Says.

Judge Buck talked enthusiastically in favor of the plan as outlined by The News, not from any personal interest that he might have in the matter, but on account of the advantages that would accrue to the county with Kalamazoo in a circuit by itself. He said that Kalamazoo county constituting a district by itself the work in the court here could be done much more expeditiously and satisfactorily and with a great saving to the county. About \$5,000 a year is appropriated in Kalamazoo county for circuit court twice the salary I receive for acting as judge in both Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. There is no district in the state, unless it is the fifth, which is composed of Barry, Calhoun and Eaton counties, that has as much, or at least no more business, than the ninth district. As it is now, though, I have to give half my time to Van Buren county, although there is only about half the business done there that there is in Kalamazoo county. With this county in a circuit by itself court could be in session all the time, except during the vacations, and cases could be heard when they were ready, where as now many times the cases have to wait for the court.

"The only equitable way to do in the rearranging of the districts would be to make Berrien and Kalamazoo counties districts by themselves and create a new district from Cass and Van Buren counties."

Puff Kalamazoo Lawyers.

Judge Buck incidentally remarked that while the volume of work is large in this county it is not allowed to get behind, which fact was due in a large degree, he said, because the attorneys understood their business. He said: "I have been in the courts of a number of large cities such as New York and Chicago and I say without equivocation that our attorneys, compared with the attorneys of such places who practice in similar courts, are their equals in every instance, and in many cases their superiors."

LECTURE TONIGHT.

Dr. Vincent Will Relate His Experiences in the Arctic.

The belief is general that the magnetic pole and the north pole are one and the same. This is not true. The north pole does not attract the needle. The seat of magnetism is in Boothia land, about 400 miles north of Hudson bay, and was discovered by Ross, a nephew of Sir John Ross, in 1832. At this spot the magnetic needle points downward, following the pole as you travel about it. At Bowdoin bay, the site of the headquarters of the Peary expedition, the needle pointed directly west, and all observations were taken with reference to this correction.

Dr. Edward Vincent lectures at Conkey's hall tonight at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Episcopal church.

The Postmaster Settlement.

Candidates for the postoffice will have to get a hustle on, as they say, for the Universalist ladies are going to let the public vote on this momentous question. The man who gets the most votes will get the office and votes discount on the matter. The ladies are melting qualities of ice cream will be tested as never before and mountains of it will be on sale, the plates will be heaped up beautifully by generous young ladies and served in the new woman style. We have received a number of complaints against the foreign words which have hitherto appeared in these notices. The ladies, as you remember, will be held in Conkey's hall December 15 and 16. Dinner and supper served each day. One lady has a contract to eat the fancy work, "It looks so sweet," says she.

## GOT IN THEIR WORK.

Thieves Enter Kreiger & Webber's Saloon.

Burglars entered Kreiger & Webber's saloon on Water street last night and made a haul of some \$6 in cash and five or six dollars worth of merchandise, including cigars, cigarettes, and chewing tobacco.

The thieves cut a hole through the rear door which enabled them to insert their hands and unbolt the same. They emptied the slot machine of its contents, and extracted what loose change there was in the cash drawer, securing about \$3 from each place.

They then ransacked the cigar case, taking a large quantity of cigarettes, a few cigars and several plugs of tobacco. The instruments used in effecting an entrance were left behind.

No arrests have yet been made, but Chief of Police Whitney is energetically at work on the case.

## SWEETHEART'S WILES

Said to Have Lured J. F. Willetts From His Family and Business.

### DISAPPEARED TUESDAY NIGHT.

Left a Note Telling His Wife He Meant to Seek Happiness in the West.

J. F. Willetts, owner of one-half interest in a meat market on Territorial street, has abandoned his family and business and gone, as he says in a letter to his wife, to seek consolation in the far west.

Mrs. Willetts, the deserted woman, who is left alone to care for three children, the oldest of whom, a son, is 14 years, says that her husband loved another woman who is responsible for his disappearance.

He deserted his family Tuesday night and in the letter to his wife in which he avowed his intention he declared that she should take possession of his share in the market. He said further that life here was unpleasant for him and he must depart.

He also left a letter for his partner C. R. Hoar, detailing the disposition he desired made of his property.

He is known only to have had \$25 in cash when he left.

Gore & Harvey are settling up the business affairs for Mrs. Willetts. This is said to be the third time that Willetts has deserted his wife.

## FOR CUBA'S FREEDOM.

Three Bills Were Introduced in Congress Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Cameron (rep., Pa.) yesterday in the senate introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, "By the senate and house of representatives that the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America."

Resolved, That the United States should use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba.

Mr. Mills (dem., Tex.) followed the Cameron resolution at once with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the president of the United States is hereby directed to take possession of the island of Cuba with the military and naval forces of the United States and hold the same until the people of Cuba can organize a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed and arm and equip such military and naval forces as may be necessary to secure them against foreign invasion.

The Mills and Cameron resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee.

Mr. Call (dem., Fla.) followed with this resolution recognizing the republic of Cuba:

Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives, that the United States of America recognizes the republic of Cuba as a free and independent government and accord to the people of Cuba all the rights of a sovereign and independent government in the ports and within the jurisdiction of the United States.

For the latest tid in photography see samples at Spark's pop corn stand, east corner Main & Pipestone streets. 37114

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's fine taffy. Bird always sells the best.

Pure Californian wines 35 cents per quart bottle at Hall & Nichols.

Persons puzzled about Christmas presents should see Poundstone. He can solve the puzzle satisfactorily.

William Jennings Bryan at a box of Bird's fine candies the day after election. He said "was the only thing that could calm his troubled spirits. Bird always keeps the best."

The City Steam laundry does more work than all other laundries in Berrien county combined. It is fine work that has built up the trade.

"Now good digestion wait on appetite and health on both." Use Washburn's Gold Medal flour—all good grocers sell it. 1664

## THIEF NO. 2 CONVICTED

He is Frank Ledger, One of the Raiders of the Paw Paw Lake Cottages.

### CIVIL CASE HAS NOW BEGUN.

The Complainant is the Agent of a Niles Millionaire—Dispute Over Land.

The Beeson-Millard civil case is being heard in the circuit court and if the trial does not progress more rapidly this afternoon than it did this forenoon the case will not be concluded before tomorrow. Up until noon today only three witnesses were sworn, the trial having begun yesterday afternoon. The dispute mainly involves the question of Millard's right to a small parcel of land in New Buffalo township which the defendant is very desirous of securing.

Ledger Convicted.

Frank Ledger, the St. Joseph youth who was accused of having a hand in the robbery at Paw Paw lake by which a number of last summer's resorters suffered, was convicted of burglary in the circuit court yesterday, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty at 1 o'clock. They were prompt in arriving at a common opinion, their retention in the jury room lasting less than a half hour. Ledger is the second person of those believed to have been concerned in the Paw Paw lake burglary who was convicted. The trial of Ledger concludes the criminal cases for this term unless Prosecuting Attorney Hamilton changes his present arrangements.

There Are Millions in It.

Lewis H. Beeson, of Niles, brother and business agent of Annie Beeson, the alleged millionaire, is the plaintiff in a civil case which went to trial yesterday afternoon. The defendant is Andrew Millard, an aged New Buffalo farmer, whom Beeson would dispossess of a few acres of marsh land which he claims to have been in possession of for more than 30 years. Mr. Beeson claims to have improved the land by clearing it of underbrush and draining a large pond which, until recently, rendered the use of the land for agricultural purposes out of the question. Marshall Howell, of Cassopolis, is employed by the plaintiff, and Lawrence C. Fyfe representing the defendant. This is the first civil case to be tried during the October term of the circuit court.

## CHIEF OF POLICE WHITNEY.

It is Hinted That He Will Soon be Under Sheriff.

Sheriff-elect Ferguson is the most popular man in town. He is being besieged with friends. This wonderful demonstration of friendship has continued ever since Mr. Ferguson's election to the office of sheriff and there will be no abatement until after the new sheriff announces that he has appointed his full corps of deputies.

Mr. Ferguson refused to give The News any information concerning the men he expected to honor with the appointment of deputy sheriff. He would not even drop a hint, but it is currently discussed that Chief of Police Whitney will be given the office of under sheriff. Such an appointment will be eminently satisfactory. The record Mr. Whitney has made since being placed at the head of the Benton Harbor police department recommends him as possessing the qualities that go to make up a successful under sheriff.

It is hinted, also, that Mr. Ferguson's list of deputies will include fewer names than is now represented in the sheriff's force.

Mr. Ferguson was today appointed a deputy sheriff by the present incumbent of the office.

Want Hon. Henry Chamberlain's shoes.

A. C. Bird of Highland and J. H. Brown, associate editor of the Michigan Farmer, are both credited with nursing bumps for the place to be made vacant on the state board of agriculture by the expiration of the term of the Hon. Henry Chamberlain of Three Oaks.

Fred Kioth has moved his barber shop to corner Territorial and Water streets and wishes his customers to call on him. 37116

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# Royal Baking Powder

## ABSOLUTELY PURE

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Universalist bazar will be held in Conkey's hall next Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

The carpenters commenced work on W. P. Robbins new barn on Pipestone street this morning.

A LEAP year party given by twenty-four young ladies will be held in Conkey's hall tomorrow night.

The steamer Jay Gould came in last night with a cargo of 46 cars of flour for transfer over the Vandallia.

The famous Temple quartet will open the Benton Harbor lecture course at Conkey's hall December 16.

The members of the Current Events club will discuss the President's message at their next meeting Monday night.

A LEADING furniture dealer of South Bend has caught the idea of C. J. Peck and is advertising a nice writing desk for \$2.98.

A SPECIAL meeting of the members of the L. O. T. M. is ordered to occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. hall.

MR. and Mrs. Louis Koob are giving a wedding reception at their home on Pipestone street this afternoon and will also entertain friends this evening.

The largest shipment of cigars ever made from this city was made this morning when La Croix cigar company shipped twenty thousand of their cigars to one firm. This local industry has prospered during the dull times.

The Modern Woodmen will hold their second annual ball Tuesday evening, December 16, in Jones & Sonner's hall. Sterling & Brennan's orchestra has been engaged to furnish music. The affair gives every promise of being very enjoyable.

J. C. LOFTUS, editor of the Sun, has just secured a verdict of \$3,300 against the Chicago City railway company. Mr. Loftus was injured last winter by the sudden starting up of a car at 49th and Halstead streets and was laid up for several months and has not yet entirely recovered.

A strictly reliable contemporary gave a startling release of news last night when it said that the steam barge Edwin S. Tice was in port with a cargo of 50,000 barrels of salt. The boat was in but our esteemed contemporary was a trifle off on the size of her cargo which was 4,300 barrels.

The three-story brick building at 116 Territorial street, owned by Patrick Yore, has been leased to a new management who have opened up a sample room which they call the "White House Buffet." They occupy the entire building, having fitted up the sample room with new and elegant fixtures, and will operate a strictly first-class place.

There will be a special meeting of the board of education tonight and one of the most important matters of business which will be brought up will be more room. The sixth grade in the Central building is very much crowded and arrangements must be made to accommodate the pupils. It is likely that the vacant room in the basement will be put in shape and an extra teacher employed.

BELL lodge, Knights of Honor, held its annual election of officers last night, which resulted as follows: Dictator, C. D. Wright; Vice Dictator, Dr. G. M. Bell; Assistant Dictator, O. D. Taylor; Reporter, C. A. Warner; Financial Reporter, M. S. Crocker; Treasurer, A. Lewis; Guide, Elmer Pyle; Chaplain, M. J. Vincent; Guardian, C. J. Crandall; Sentinel, R. M. Worden; Trustee, John Bell, A. H. Rowe and C. A. Warner.

The residents near the corner of Colfax and Britain avenues are rejoicing over a new cross walk and that the dangerous hole on that street corner is being filled up. People on Jefferson street are anxiously waiting for a cross walk on that street across Pipestone.

When it's muddy people who take the car for the Methodist church stop a block away in either direction for the purpose, insuring their lives against being submerged in a sink hole.

The good-heartedness of Samuel Hull has been imposed upon by at least two of his neighbors. It is known that the finest apples sold in this city this year were brought here from northern Michigan by Mr. Hull. After Mr. Hull had disposed of the carload and only reserved barrels enough for the family larder he was urged by a couple of neighbors to sell them a barrel each. Of course Mr. Hull could not supply the demand and to show that he didn't want the worth himself he presented the would-be purchasers with half a bushel each of his choicest varieties. Since that time Mr. Hull has had a chance to sell apples to other friends but he has tumbled to the clever scheme. People who have seen the apples say they don't blame the neighbors.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Lydia S. Ferguson to Alvin B. Perry, property in city of Benton Harbor. \$450.  
Gottfried Swateki to W. A. Baker, property in village of Coloma. \$200.  
Flora D. Gordon to Lewis E. Copie, one acre in St. Joseph township. \$163.27.

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Elgin movements and silver case they also took a tumble at Hollis & Son's to \$5.50, complete watch.

A good assortment of fresh candies at Hall & Nichols.

### PERSONAL.

—W. A. Hyslop of Chicago is in town on business.

—Mrs. J. I. York, corner of Empire and Monroe, is ill.

—Miss Doris Babcock is confined to her home by illness.

—Dr. Froemyer is in South Bend today on professional business.

—Harry Molhemmer of Rochester, N. Y. is spending a few days in the city.

—Willie Osborn who has been quite ill for two weeks past was down town yesterday.

—Miss Lillian Dalrymple has returned to her home here after three months absence in Van Wert, O.

—Senator E. A. Blakelee, of Gallen, was one of the honored guests at last evening's meeting of the Twilight club.

—"Dick" Raven, who has been spending several weeks with friends and relatives, returned to his home in McDonald, Mich., this morning.

—C. H. Downer is here from Casnovi to attend the funeral of the daughter of Joseph Taylor which will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at 219 Columbus avenue.

—Miss Mabel Hall, of Hammond, Minn., will spend the winter at Frank Howard's, Benton township. Mr. Howard's mother from Hammond will also spend the winter with him.

### NEWS OF THE STATE.

The Grand Rapids Herald is authority for the statement that New York capitalists will establish a glass factory in Grand Rapids, which will give employment to 200 men.

The automatic clock signals on the line of the Michigan Central have been placed in operation between Niles and Michigan City and have caused a great reduction in the number of telegraph operators.

Traverse City has outgrown its present water supply system, which was put in about fifteen years ago, and the question of a new one is being agitated.

### TONICS.

Two Edged Swords Capable of Mischief as Well as Benefit.

There is perhaps no class of remedial agents more abused than tonics. The abuse consists both in the excessive use and the misapplication of this class of agents, which, within a restricted field, possess an indisputable and important therapeutic value. The misuse of tonics is doubtless the outgrowth of a misconception of the real nature of this class of remedial agents and its limitations. Many physicians also seem to lose sight of the fact that tonics are, as has been aptly said of drugs in general, two edged swords, which are as capable of mischief as of benefit. Indeed, when the true nature of tonics—as is true, in fact, of most medicinal agents—is thoroughly understood, it is apparent that even in cases in which they accomplish the maximum of benefit there is also a certain amount of injury inflicted upon the organism, so that the effect obtained is really and simply the difference between the mischief done and the good accomplished. If the difference is on one side, the total result is benefit; if on the other side, the result is harm. This principle holds good with regard to most remedies, whether the means employed is a drug or a nonmedicinal agent.

The popular idea of a tonic is well expressed in the following definition, which we find in the National Medical Dictionary: "An agent which augments gradually and permanently the strength and vital activity of the body or its parts." A stimulant is defined by the same authority as being "an agent which increases the functional activity of any organ or series of organs." The distinction made seems to be that a stimulant produces temporary excitement, whereas a tonic produces a permanent increase of strength and vital activity.—Good Health.

### Insightful.

A man of this city who thoroughly loves a good cigar was indulging in a smoke after dinner, when a friend who is given to moralizing touched him on the arm and said:

"I'm sorry that you still have that habit."

"I'm not," was the emphatic reply. "I was examined for life insurance yesterday, and the doctor says my health is first rate. So there is no use in telling me that it is hurting me into my grave, for the facts don't bear out the assertion."

"But it's a very expensive habit."

"I find the satisfaction much as to make me content to foot the bill."

"How long have you been smoking?"

"Fifteen or 20 years."

"Do you realize that with the money you have spent in that way you might have laid the foundation for a fortune? Why, you might have been the owner of that block of houses over there."

"I have heard that kind of an argument before, and it does not impress me. If I had bought them with money saved in that way I'd be miserable thinking of the good times I might have had smoking if I hadn't wasted my money on blocks of houses."—Detroit Free Press.

### Wanted.

Customers for corn, corn fodder, potatoes and apples. If you want good potatoes or apples for winter use put in your order at hard time prices, we've got 'em. Will sell our corn in the car or shock. Inquire or leave your order at the office, West Michigan Nurseries, 125 E. Pipestone street or O. Howe, Ben Chas.

all people whom you understand their members and customs. Lord Charles Somerset, who accompanied the Prince of Wales in India, relates a funny incident of the journey, which just escaped being a tragic one.

"We were elephant shooting in Ceylon," he says, "and were driving back to Colombo, when the horses in the waggons showed signs of fatigue. Lord Aylesbury, who was on the box, took the reins from our Tamil coachman, whereupon the animals swerved just as we were crossing a rude bridge, and the whole equipage, passengers and all, were precipitated into the nullah below."

"No one was hurt. I playfully belabored the coachman with a bundle of elephants' tails and then told him to mount the box. At the same time I turned to the Malay sergeant and said in solemn tones:

"'Out that man's head off.'"

"He, thinking it an awful crime to upset the prince, instantly drew his sword and rushed at the coachman."

"Fortunately the coachman understood English and scrambled on to a ledge of rock out of reach. Seeing that my joke had nearly caused a catastrophe, I called out to the sergeant:

"'The prince has graciously pardoned him. Let him come down.'"

So the coachman kept his head on his shoulders, and there was no harm done, but if he had not understood English and had not got out of the way! As our English friends themselves are wont to remark, "Only fawney!"

who has just been named, however, that he saved the republic by a single vote. On Feb. 27, 1875, when the remodeling of the constitution was debated, M. Walton's amendment fixing the conditions for the election of the president was regarded as the crucial test on which the fate of France depended. Leon, sitting in the right center, hesitated, but was persuaded by Gambetta to support the Republicans at the last moment, and the amendment was carried by a majority of one.

Spoons are of nearly the same size all over the civilized world, and four table-spoonfuls make what in medical parlance is denominated a wineglassful.

Edgar, the Saxon king of England, was the Ponceable, from his dislike of war.

### 35 for a Guess.

Take a guess on the bottle of beads at Lacy's gallery and win a dozen of novel pictures.

Fifteen jewel Elgin movements and 20 year warrant. Bow gold filled hunting case, complete watch, ladies size \$15.25, rents size 18.50. Ticket with every purchase. We mean what we say. Come and see us. Hollis & Son.

Finest smoke on earth for 5 cents at Hall & Nichols.

H. W. Baker, optician, 155 Lake ave 31847.

Q. What is sweeter than life? Ans. A box of Bird's candy. Bird always keeps the best.

Eight day clocks took a drop, did you hear them fall at Hollis & Son's at \$2.99?

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pers and he was pleased, as everyone is, with goods purchased at our shoe store. Call and examine our line of Boots, Shoes, Rubbers and Slippers.

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# GREAT HOLIDAY SALE

## ...AT THE WHITE HOUSE STORE

Thousands of Useful Articles suitable for Xmas Gifts just arrived. Call and see the elegant new goods. It is beyond doubt the largest and best stock ever shown in Western Michigan. The stock consists of Dry Goods, Clothing, Gloves, Mittens, Hats and Caps, Hoods, Fascinators, Jackets and Capes, Shawls, Yarns, all kinds of Underwear, Shirts, Bed Blankets, Horse Blankets, Comforters, Feathers, Albums, Feather Bows, Trunks, Valises, and thousands of other useful things too numerous to mention.

### SEE SPECIAL PRICES FOR THIS SALE!

6.00 Men's Suits	Prices for this Sale \$ 3.98	6c Sheetings	Price for this Sale 4c
10.00 " "	5.98	8c Toweling	" " " 5c
15.00 " "	8.98	8c All Linen Crash	" " " 5c
20.00 " "	10.98	8c Gingham	" " " 5c
25.00 " "	13.98	4c Bed Blankets	" " " 3c
30.00 " "	16.98	14c Dress Goods	" " " 10c
35.00 " "	19.98	25c " "	" " " 15c
40.00 " "	22.98	50c " "	" " " 25c
45.00 " "	25.98	75c " "	" " " 35c
50.00 " "	28.98	1.00 " "	" " " 75c
55.00 " "	31.98	1.00 Silk Mittens	" " " 75c
60.00 " "	34.98	1.00 " "	" " " \$1.25
65.00 " "	37.98	1.00 Night Gowns	" " " \$11.00
70.00 " "	40.98	15.00 Jackets	" " " 16.00
75.00 " "	43.98	22.00 Capes	" " " 35c
80.00 " "	46.98	50c Leggings	" " " 50c
85.00 " "	49.98	81.25 Wrappers	" " " 1.00
90.00 " "	52.98	2.00 Dress Shirts	" " " 1.00
95.00 " "	55.98	1.00 for Wool Shawls	" " " 1.00
1.00 Boys' Suits	58.98	2.00 Lace Curtains, per pair	" " " 1.00
1.50 " "	61.98	10c Handkerchiefs	" " " 5c
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Our object in making this deep cut in prices is to close out the entire stock by New Year if possible.

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